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FOR EA/K, ARA, S/B: MR. FORBES

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CONTACT WITH NORTH KOREAN, CUBAN AND VIET-
NAMESE DIPLOMATS

1. DDR AMBASSADOR HINTZMANN, DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS IN OSLO, HAS HINTED TO ME HIS INTEREST IN HOLDING A DIPLOMATIC CORPS LUNCHEON IN OUR RESIDENCE TO FETE FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND'S FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY ON MARCH 31. HINTZMANN SAID HE FELT COST OF HOLDING FESTIVITY IN DOWNTOWN RESTAURANT WOULD BE PROHIBITIVE; HE HINTED AT USE OF U.S. RESIDENCE BECAUSE IT IS ONLY DIPLOMATIC RESIDENCE NOW AVAILABLE IN OSLO WITH DINING SPACE ADEQUATE TO ACCOMMODATE ENTIRE CORPS. AS DEAN OF CORPS, HINTZMANN WOULD HOST AFFAIR AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS WOULD PAY THEIR SHARE OF EXPENSES.

2. I CAN SEE SOME ADVANTAGE IN HOLDING EVENT IN U.S. RESIDENCE. IT WOULD BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO BRING TOGETHER PRINCIPAL FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES HERE ON U.S. SOIL FOR TESTIMONIAL TO FOREIGN MINISTER FOR WHICH U.S. WOULD STAND TO GAIN MUCH CREDIT AND GOOD WILL FOR IT EVEN THOUGH WE WOULD NOT BE
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THE HOST.

3. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, SOME DISADVANTAGES. AS HOST THE DEAN WOULD LIKELY FEEL OBLIGED TO INVITE THE WHOLE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, AND IN OSLO THIS WOULD INCLUDE THE NORTH KOREANS, CUBANS AND VIETNAMESE REPRESENTATIVES, WHO MIGHT WELL CHOOSE TO ATTEND. WE ARE AWARE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON CONTACT WITH THESE

OFFICIALS, ALTHOUGH THE GUIDANCE DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY APPLY TO THE SOMEWHAT UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS CASE. BECAUSE THESE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE DIFFERENT, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MIGHT CONSIDER THIS EVENT AS POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR BROADER ADVANTAGE THAN JUST HERE IN NORWAY.

4. A NEGATIVE REPLY FROM THE DEPARTMENT WILL CAUSE NO PARTICULAR PROBLEM WITH HINTZMANN SINCE, SO FAR, HE HAS WISELY CHOSEN NOT TO PUT U.S. ON THE SPOT BY STATING HIS INTEREST DIRECTLY. NONE-THELESS, I WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON THIS MATTER AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE SO THAT, IF POSITIVE U.S. REPLY IS CONSIDERED ADVANTAGEOUS, I MAY GIVE IT BEFORE AMBASSADOR HINTZMANN CHOOSES ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE.

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